

**Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center**  
**Small Farmer Agricultural Leadership Training Institute**

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**LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION**

*(Applications will not be considered complete without your letter.)*

**To be completed by Applicant:** *Please type or print all responses.*

Complete the information above the dotted line. Return all evaluation materials in a sealed envelope with your application. If needed, you may photocopy this blank form.

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

I agree that the officials of Southern University shall hold the recommendation I am requesting in confidence and I thereby waive any rights I may have to examine it.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**To be completed by Recommender**

How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please rate the applicant in the following areas.

	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Can't Judge
Integrity					
Networking					
Problem Solving					
Communication skills					
Potential for Growth					
Dependability					
Family Support					

Name of Recommender \_\_\_\_\_

Organization and Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please place this form and your letter in a sealed envelope, sign your name across the flap, and return it to the candidate. We thank you for your willingness to assist in this evaluation.*

# Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center Small Farmer Agricultural Leadership Training Institute

**APPLICATION**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 1, 2007**

Please complete this application form and mail to:

**Dr. Dawn Mellion Patin**  
SU Agricultural Research and Extension Center  
P. O. Box 10010 • Baton Rouge, LA 70813

Applications must be received by September 1, 2007 for consideration. Information provided on this form will be used to select participants for the program. Two letters of recommendation, and a statement of interest must be sent with the application. Selected participants will be notified by September 9, 2007.

For additional information, call **(225) 771-2242**, Fax **(225) 771-2861** or e-mail: **dawn\_mellion@suagcenter.com**

## I. BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sex  F  M  
Last First Mi. (check one)

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Number and Street City/Town State Zip

E-Mail Address (if available) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile/Cell Number \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnic Background (Please choose one by placing an "X" in the box:)

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> African American      | <input type="checkbox"/> Native American or Alaskan Native |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Southeast Asian       | <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Islander      | <input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |  |

## II. EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

1. List all schools attended including high schools, colleges and/or short courses:

Name of School	Attendance Dates <small>(From — To /Month &amp; Year)</small>	Date of Graduation	Degree Earned

**II. EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES** *continued*

2. Present Occupation

Farming Occupation (*please specify*) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years in farming: \_\_\_\_\_ Full-time   
 Part-time

3. How did you get started in farming? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

4. Describe the farm operation:

<i>Crop(s)</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Livestock or Poultry</i>	<i>Units</i>

5. Percentage of annual income earned from farming: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Present employer (*or enterprise if self-employed*): \_\_\_\_\_

7. Briefly describe your agribusiness activities: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

8. What is your present position and describe your responsibilities? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

9. Indicate your membership and offices held in organizations including college, agriculture, civic, church, government and fraternal.

<i>Organization</i>	<i>How Long a Member</i> <i>(Give Dates)</i>	<i>Office Held, If Any</i> <i>(Give Dates)</i>

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**II. EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES** *continued*

10. List awards and honors you have received

<i>Organization or Grantor</i>	<i>Award or Honor</i>	<i>Date</i>

11. If selected, do you agree to participate fully in the two years of the program?

yes

no

12. Attach a letter of application of about 250 words explaining your reasons for desiring to participate in the Small Farmer Agricultural Leadership Training Institute. What do you expect to receive from participating in the Institute?

**To be signed by Applicant.**

The statements made in my Application / Supporting Statement are true and complete. I have read and understand the objectives of the Small Farmer Agricultural Leadership Training Institute and I agree to abide by the established rules and regulations for the program.

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*Applicant*

Return by September 1, 2007 to:

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